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deism, and pantheism have conspicuously failed to do. The discussion proceeds with lucidity and convincing power, and ends with the belief that already in the New Testament the final harmony toward which all things tend appears, and that it is inevitable that at last "Christ shall be king in all worlds, and that a God of flawless righteousness and eternal love shall at last be all in all," in whom the Christian interpretation of life will be perfectly justified. The second essay considers questions called forth by such books as W. R. Greg's *Enigmas of Life*, published many years ago, and W. S. Lilly's *The Great Enigma*, which appeared in 1892, but it is evident that Dr. Davison has not seen Professor James' paper, *Is Life Worth Living?* Without taking space to discuss the papers upon later books, all of which are familiar to American as well as English readers, it need only be said that the whole collection will repay perusal, and is abundantly suggestive of themes for thought and discourse, while the style in which the essays are written, graceful and vigorous, is what might have been expected from what we have already known of the writer of *The Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament* and *The Christian Conscience*.

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THE MAKING AND THE UNMAKING OF THE PREACHER. Lectures on the Lyman Beecher Foundation, Yale University, 1898. By WILLIAM JEWETT TUCKER, President of Dartmouth College. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1898. Pp. iv + 224. \$1.50.

UNDER a not very felicitous title, Dr. Tucker has given us a book which will materially add to the reputation of the Yale lectureship on preaching. His purpose is to deal with the preacher, rather than with his sermon. This helps him to keep clear of the tendency to invade the province of the professor of homiletics, while at the same time it allows him to say a great many excellent things as to the sermon itself. Dr. Tucker's is emphatically a serious book of high ideals. His style shows traces of the influence of New England writers, especially of Emerson; and occasionally, as for instance in Lecture IV, the speaker makes such ample use of literature that one appreciates all the more highly the self-denial enforced upon him by the range of his theme and the limits of his space. While philosophical rather than practical in its treatment, *The Making and the Unmaking of the Preacher* is

evidently the work of a man who looks on the pulpit from the point of view of his own experience. The freshest and most valuable of these lectures seem to us to be those in which Dr. Tucker discusses "Preaching under Modern Conditions," "The Unmaking Process," "What the Preacher Owes to Men," and "The Pulpit and the Church." In the last of these, which is the seventh lecture of the course, the speaker enters a plea, for which there may just now be some need, on behalf of the church, insisting that the preacher should work from within the church, through the church, and to the church: "From it, in acknowledgment of its position; through it, in acknowledgment of its available power; to it, in acknowledgment of its right to its own increase." The concluding lecture is on "The Optimism of Christianity." While not blind to the perils which beset religious life today, not less than at any previous time, Dr. Tucker cherishes a cheerful and wholesome optimism. We thank him for his book, eminently sane and wise as it is; but chiefly, we think, is it worthy of praise for adopting and maintaining throughout the hopeful tone which alone can help our young preachers to do justice to the genius of Christianity.

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THE MAKING OF THE SERMON; for the Class-Room and the Study. By T. HARWOOD PATTISON, Professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology in the Rochester Theological Seminary, Author of *The History of the English Bible*, etc. Philadelphia: The American Baptist Publication Society, 1898. Pp. x+352. \$1.50.

THIS book of twenty-three chapters, with a copious index, is made up of the lectures of the author, delivered in his class-room, but in some measure recast, so that they are of genuine interest, not only to pastors, but also to any intelligent reader, to the hearer as well as to the maker and deliverer of sermons. The style, with an occasional infelicity of expression, is very clear, simple, and direct. The author faithfully presents all the essential doctrines of homiletics. His fundamental position is that the message of the preacher is found in the Bible, and that his supreme work is to unfold the truth of God's word, and to apply that truth to men in all the relations that they sustain to God and to one another. He, therefore, treats at length the text and the theme of the sermon. He next considers the parts of the sermon